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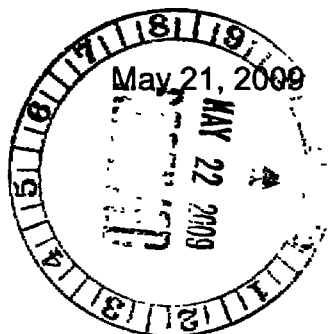
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VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR

Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20024



Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 210X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company - Abandonment - In Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated May 14, 2009 from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division (HPD). The letter states that HPD finds no archeological resources or historic structures that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by the subject project.

In a decision served January 21, 2009, the Board ordered NSR to retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties, including sites, buildings, structures and objects within the project right-of-way that are eligible for listing or are listed in the National Register until completion of the section 106 process of the NHPA. Inasmuch as the enclosed response completes the section 106 process in this proceeding, NSR requests that the Board remove the section 106 condition from the exemption.

Yours very truly,

James R. Paschall

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Enclosure

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

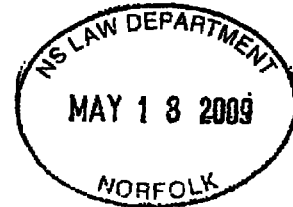
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May 14, 2009

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**RE: Abandon 4.3 Miles of Railroad, Between Mileposts 633.1 & 637.4, Atlanta; Part of Atlanta Beltline
Fulton County, Georgia
HP-080804-007; Reference HP-080729-001**

Dear Mr. Paschall:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has received additional information concerning the above referenced undertaking. Our comments are offered to assist the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and Norfolk Southern Corporation in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Based on additional information provided by Atlanta Beltline Inc. (ABI) in an April 14, 2009 letter to our office, and your April 21, 2009 letter, HPD agrees that any alterations to historic property resulting from the subject undertaking will be coordinated through our office as a result of consultation between ABI and our office. Therefore, HPD finds that no archaeological resources or historic structures that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) will be affected by the subject project, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1).

This letter evidences coordination with our office for Section 106 compliance for this undertaking. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Elizabeth Shirk, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (404) 651-6624.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Anderson-Cordova".

Karen Anderson-Cordova
Manager, Planning and Local Assistance Unit

KAC/ECS

cc: Paul Vesperman, Director of Real Estate, Atlanta Beltline Inc.
Le'Var Rice, ARC
Doug Young, AUDC